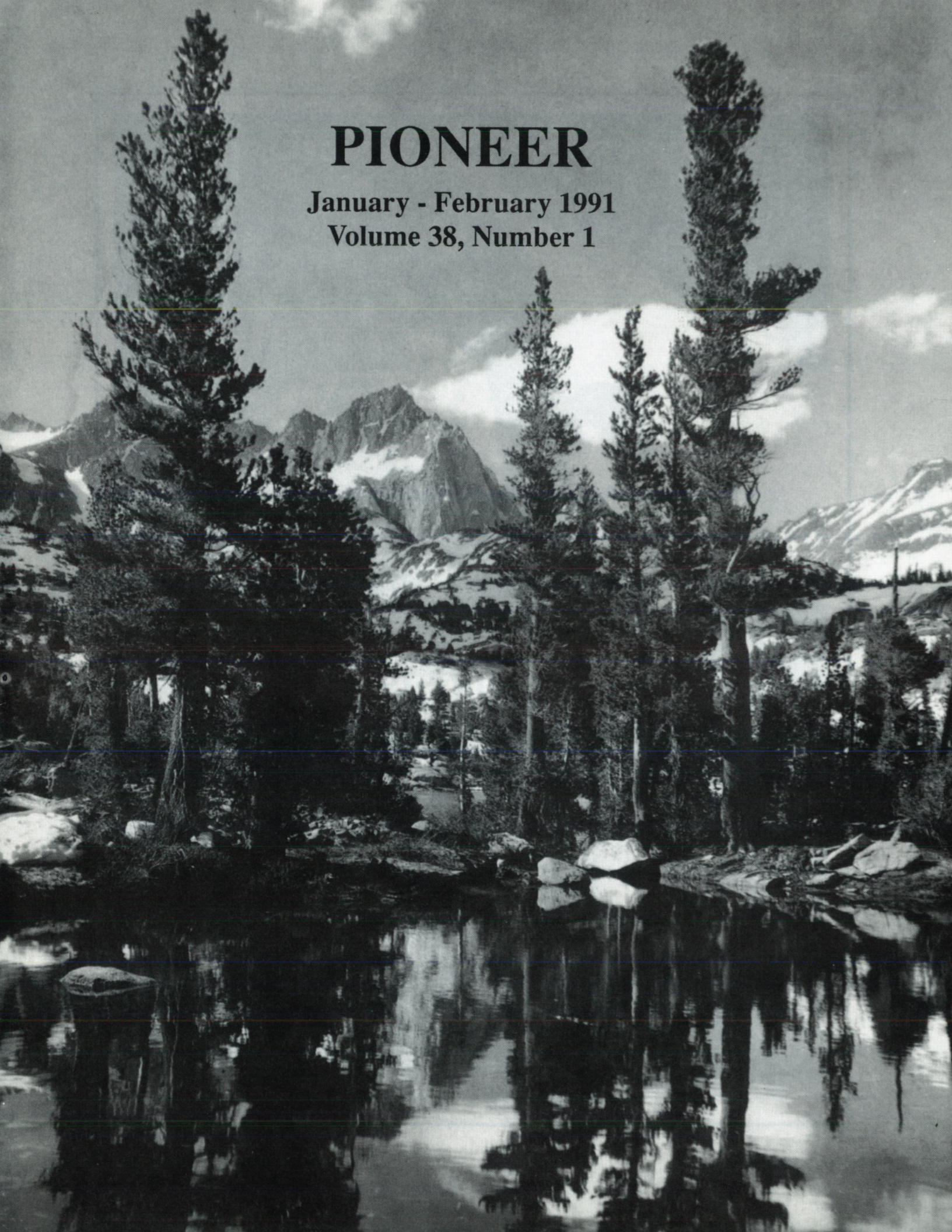
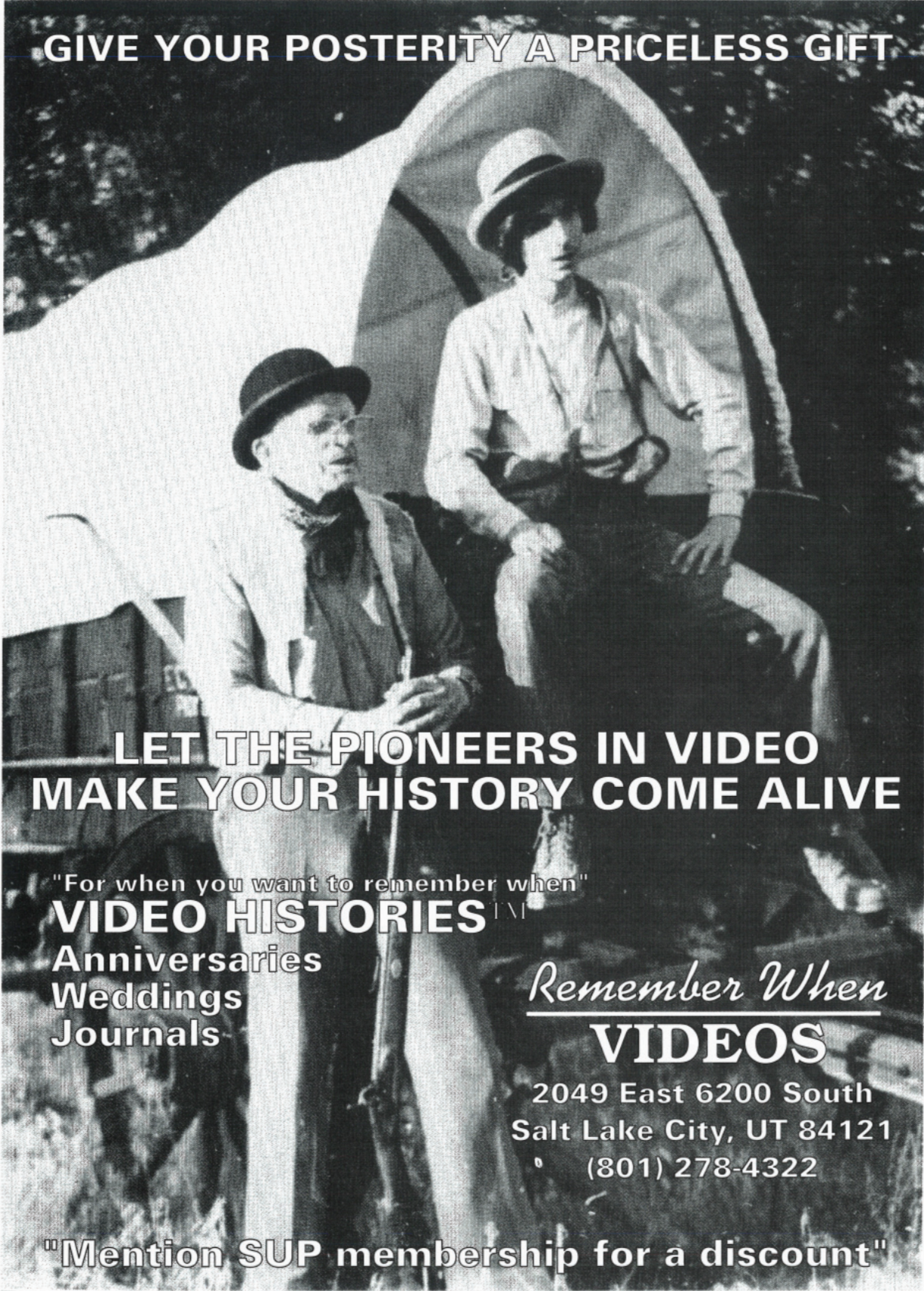


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As the picture portrays the majestic trees refecting in the clear blue water the creations of God, so we should preserve our accomplishments in memorializing our ancestors and families in the Pioneer Gallery and our histories in the Pioneer Library that our reflections will be there for our posterity .

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S.U.P. Headquarters January 1991

WISHFUL THINKING!!! Don't believe it !!!!! Members everywhere are responding with pride in their hearts. There's a wave of enthusiasm, unity, support, and understanding. AH! UNDERSTANDING the magic word that will awaken the sleeping giant.

Ladies and gentlemen of S.U.P., increasing our membership 30%-50% is not just a good idea—it is absolutely essential if we are to secure our financial future. The gifts of benevolent and wonderful men that have subsidized us, Pioneer Village, Heber Creeper, etc., for so long, within a short couple of years will be history.

Far more than a casual club to entertain ourselves we have a providential mandate to be the missionaries. Set the examples, foster the ideals and goals and give the service. That is our opportunity and our heritage. True happiness, as you know, comes

from serving not being served.

Brothers and Sisters how can I make each of you personally feel the urgency of the challenge that faces us?? Each must do his or her part. The membership committee, by themselves, simply cannot do what has to be done. Together we can and must rise to the occasion and meet the monster head on.

As your president I am asking every single person associated with S.U.P. to organize a written list of all your friends, relatives, and associates in and out of the church whose circumstances would allow them to be members. Then, invite them, sell them, and GET THEM. They won't come to us, we must go to them. DO IT NOW! JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH. Then they can receive their just dues and blessings for 1991.

When the church was in financial difficulty the Lord revealed to President Lorenzo Snow that they were not using the tool (principle of Tithing) which He had already given them. You know the phenomenal results that came by reason of new understanding and dedication to the principle. We too, are overlooking the "tool" that is already in place. By dramatically increasing membership we can and will achieve financial maturity and independence.

THE PROBLEM

1. Declining membership
2. As membership declines so does the financial base.
3. Loss of revenue formerly generated through the use of our headquarters building.
4. The D.U.P. have 22,000 members. Why are we struggling along with only 2,000 members???

THE SOLUTION

1. Recognize the problem.
2. Launch an unprecedented membership drive, including the formation of many new chapters.
3. The Nat'l Board reduced the national dues to \$20.00 last fall to bring it within everyone's reach. No other fraternal organization even comes close.
- 4.. A professional Task Force is presently at work to determine what we can do, legally, to replace some of the lost revenue from the building.
5. For the present, we need the continued support of every chapter as regards to the \$20.00 contributions.
6. Let's focus on the future, not the problems of the past. To do so only clouds the vision and impedes the progress of the future.
7. Membership will be central to everything we do this year. All the programs, the Awards Program, the Treks, Publicity, the Pioneer, Socials, etc. will reflect and support this colossal effort. At the annual seminar, January 12, every chapter should have received the carefully structured guidelines to accomplish this goal. We encourage the gathering of funds this year for this purpose instead of erecting local monuments. See awards program for points.

A monument to a very great pioneer lady, Nellie Pucell Unthank, whose station and struggles are so symbolic of all our pioneer ancestors, is in the planning stages. This would be a major monument and effort involving every chapter in our organization.

Two major and exciting treks are planned. "Hole in the Rock" and "The Deep South". We invite your support and participation in these fun filled historic tours. Chapters, we would hope that we may have your support in this effort, please do not plan treks in direct competition or dates. (See details elsewhere)

We will again sponsor the "Recognition Dinner" that was so successful last year. I personally urge the great chapters in the outlying areas to do the same. Pride, unity and a sense of Worth all come together here..

The Encampment at Kanab,. September 5, 6, & 7 appears to be one of the best. I wouldn't miss it!

The "Pioneer" (magazine) binds us together as perhaps nothing else. We congratulate Lewis Murdock on the great job he does. We urge all chapters to submit articles of your achievements. Wally Bates is the new director of publications. He is coming forth with great new ideas, try him.

I wish to tell you, in conclusion, that people and chapters are responding positively. There is a new wave of harmony and unity sweeping S.U.P. We are all grateful and excited about it.

May I express my sincere appreciation to all who serves so well last year. Especially President Wagstaff for his friendly devotion and great leadership. We look forward with equal enthusiasm to an exciting progressive year with an outstanding group of men and women in 1991.

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LET'S STIMULATE AND MOTIVATE

If one studies the happy faces on pages 8 and 9 of the September/October Pioneer he is assured that the efforts of chapter members paid great dividends, and the accomplishments will continue to stimulate choice, desired activities in the areas represented.

More than 20 chapters were recognized for their achievements, and if history repeats itself they will be back with their reports with more enthusiasm and interest next year.

At the December chapter meeting the responsibility of promoting a stimulating program will be passed on to a new group of officers. It is our sincere hope that officers will study the activities of the past, build on the good, change that which is not helpful, attend the leadership training programs, hold worthwhile and stimulating chapter meetings and visit with inspired leaders to get motivating ideas and work with the achievement and awards programs to receive the recognitions for your chapter, your members and community or area. Good luck! □

NEWS RELEASE OF HISTORY CONFERENCE PLANNED

On Presidents' Day Weekend, February 16-18, 1991, a history conference will be held in St. George, Utah, with presentations of paper by amateur historians and writers on a variety of subjects in the areas of personal, family, local, and state history. The conference is funded by the Utah Endowment for the Humanities and is co-sponsored by the Washington County Historical Society, the Utah State Historical Society, and Dixie College.

Amateur history writers are invited to attend this three-day symposium in beautiful and historical St. George, Utah, to share ideas about autobiographies, family histories, community histories and biographies which they are writing or wish to write.

Well-known historians will mingle with history amateurs during the three days to stimulate learning about research and writing. Publishers of family history will be invited to display their historical publications and to confer with the conference attendees.

It is suggested that overnight accommodations for participants be reserved early since Presidents' Weekend visitors generally take all motel rooms in the St. George area. A free reservation service is available through Randy Warner at Grand Circle Reservations, 1-800-233-4383 or 801-673-7650. □

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D.P.Bartchi

T'was two hours till Christmas - that glorious eve

When men, of their senses, appear to take leave.

The gifts were all labeled, wrapped, tied and secure,

When Mamma, the darling, most fell to the floor.

She gasped in dismay, her head in a swim

For she sensed right away, all were remembered but HIM.

In the nine weeks of shopping with scarcely a stop,

Ten children and Mamma had forgotten old pop.

She reacted quickly - ten children alerted;

This crisis; no matter costs, just must be averted,
They bundled and mittened to keep fingers warm

As they rushed out intent, eleven ways to the storm.

While Father watched Schrooge on the magical box

Unaware of the mission of his wonderful flock.

He dozed, by and by, in his great easy chair,

Not knowing St Nick soon would be there.

They returned, one by one, at one-half hour till;

Each clutching a gift - and each carrying a bill.

Mamma noted each package and became somewhat restive

While children shouted with glee and prepared to be festive.

T'was a gay, merrie eve, as the gifts were unwrapped;

Dear Father, at rest in his great easy chair, slept.

It was very much later, he awoke with a start

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CASTLE VALLEY CHAPTER ORGANIZED AT CAMPFIRE DINNER MEETING

by Montell Seely

Well, I'll tell you this much for sure. Lee Jeffs is as tough as they make 'em.

We had loaded up in our covered wagons, mounted our saddle horses, and said our "Wagons Ho—you know how they do in the movies. Well, this gray geldin' that Lee had brought for Dave Jeppson to ride had never seen a covered wagon, and he started to act up.

Lee said to Dave, "Ya better trade me horses."

Dave answered, "Naw, I'll be alright." Dave was gonna ride that horse, but I need to explain. Dave Jeppson is 80 years old, and an unpredictable bronc is not the horse for him to be sittin' straddle of. Oh, in his prime he could handle the meanest raw bronc. He broke horses for a livin' at one time, but at 80 years of age it's not wisdom to be ridin' a bronc, so Lee insisted they trade.

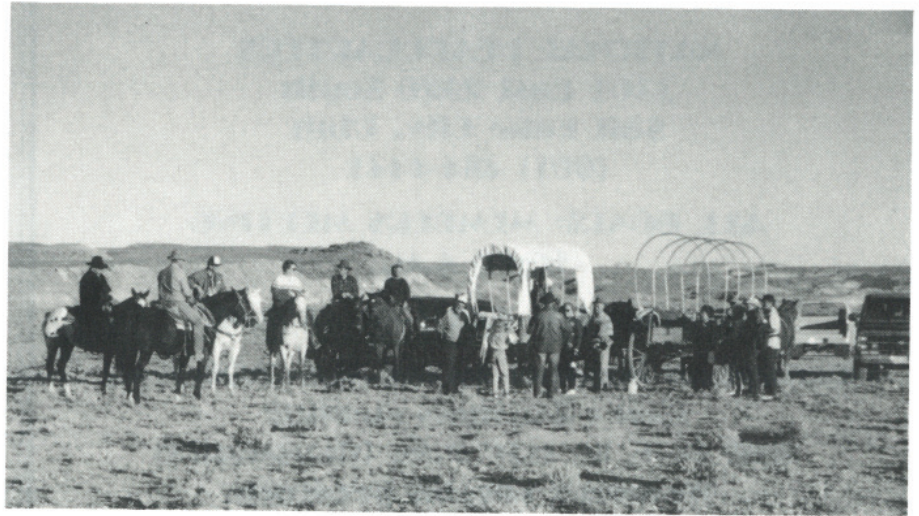
It just occurred to me that I haven't explained to you what was behind this wagon trek, and you won't see the whole picture unless I do—so here goes. You see, I've been wantin' ta get a chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers organized in Emery County, so I asked the National Officers how ta go about it. They gave me the instructions, and after I had recruited the necessary number of men and they were signed up, I notified the National Officers.

They said, "Organize a dinner meeting, and we'll come down and present your charter."

Well, I'm not much of a hand with the customary dinner meeting. Oh, they're okay if you can't put together anything better, but to impress the National Officers I wanted something with more style and pizzazz. I figured that we could have a pioneer style dinner meeting and take the National Officers on a covered wagon trek.

Ridin' in the wagons were National President and Mrs. Robert Wagstaff; President-elect and Mrs. Ken Rasmussen; Past president and Mrs. Morris Bennion; Marjorie Christiansen; and Frank Brown; local members Gerry Spencer, Bryant Anderson, my wife Kathryn, and daughter Janell.

Henry Seely, along with his wife Marva, was driving one wagon; Don Clement was driving the other. My son,



Mark, was makin' a video of the whole operation with one of those magic machines.

Following up on saddlehorses were Lee and Pam Jeffs, Art and Shannon Olsen, Dave Jeppson, and National Membership Chairman Leon Christiansen. Leon is no "greenhorn" when it comes to ridin' a saddlehorse.

We went for a short distance down Race Track Hill—now the reason it's called by that name is that Sam Aikens trained his race horses there. This was

back around the turn of the century when Sam Aikens bought out the remains of the Wilsonville settlement.

You see, Sylvester Wilson came here in 1878 and filed on a homestead—(Don't worry, I'll get back to what happened to Lee Jeffs and the gray geldin' in a minute. I'm just givin' ya a little background fer my story.)

For the benefit of the out-of-town readers, Race Track Hill is at the far south end of the Jorgensen Ranch, which is about 5 miles east of Castle Dale on



Leon Christiansen, National Membership Director, on Horse

Cottonwood Creek.

Wilson homesteaded the south end, and Charley Swasey homesteaded the north end. The Spanish Trail crossed the Wilson homestead, and in 1878 this trail became the Star Mail Route between Ouray, Colorado, and Salina, Utah. Wilson and a few other settlers petitioned the post office folks to establish a mail station at the Wilson place. Well, the station needed a name, so they called it Wilsonville. Sylvester was the postmaster, and his log cabin was the post office. For a short time the Castle Valley settlers traveled horseback, team and wagon, or walked to Wilsonville to get their mail.

That's as far as I'm goin' on that side jaunt. Now we're headin' back to Lee Jeffs and the Gray Geldin' rodeo. (Right here I was going to explain the word geld, which originally came from the Old Welsh word "gylm," meaning knife. But the censoring committee threw it out; said it was too risqué or something like that.)

As I said, we were goin' on a covered wagon trek down to the Long Walk Dinosaur Quarry and the Forks by way of Race Track Hill. By the way the "Forks" is where Cottonwood Creek, Huntington Creek and Ferron Creek join, and they form the San Rafael River. The San Rafael dumps into the Green River, which is the east boundary of Emery County. Thus, the San Rafael is the only river in the State which begins and ends in the same county. (I just thought you'd like to know that bit of trivia.)

Well, so Lee Jeffs and Dave Jeppson traded horses. That miserable gray geldin' kept actin' up. Ya know, I can't figure that out. Lee's son Tyler rode the gray one day during the roundup, and I rode him another day while we were gatherin' cattle on East Mountain, and he seemed to be okay—I can't figure out why he went nuts just because of the covered wagons, but he did.

It was a good thing Lee was ridin' that miserable cayuse when it came unglued—an' that's partly what my story is all about—but first I need to lay out a little more o' the stage.

Since we didn't have an authentic chuckwagon, we had to improvise, so I asked Ralph Jensen if he'd drive his 4-wheel drive pickup and we'd pretend it was the chuckwagon. We are not real pioneers, and we have to improvise and pretend and make do. But we do the best we can. Of course, Ralph was more than happy to drive the "chuckwagon," so we

loaded the grub boxes and dutch ovens into it.

I got in with Ralph and his wife, Velda, and we went out on lead. Behind us came the two covered wagons. The folks on saddle horses were behind them.

Due to circumstances beyond our control (which are not pertinent to the story), the wagons had to double back, and as they passed those on saddle horses, the sight of the covered wagons caused the gray geldin' to come unglued. He lit into bucking. Lee stayed with him until he stopped.

Then Lee nudged him, trying to get him to walk over next to the wagons. Lee had in mind to teach the horse that the wagons would not hurt him. But "ol' gray" didn't want to have anything to do with those wagons.

Lee was going to insist. I mean, every cowboy knows that the rider is the boss of the horse. Besides, if a horse is going to be in Lee Jeffs' family, he must be companions with a covered wagon—there are no two ways about it.

Well, ol' gray didn't know that Lee was boss, and so he started throwin' his head and prancing sideways. He was doin' this sideways jig in soft dirt where there was a scattering of shadscale and small hooneys and—oh, oh, sorry, but I had to pause right here and settle a minor dispute with the censoring committee.

You see, my wife Kathryn was keyboarding along—in the old days she would have been typing along—but now she keyboards. She was keyboardin' along; well, when she saw that word

"hooney, " she came to a screeching halt. Why, that computer squealed rubber, she stopped so fast!

She says, "Hooney? That's not a word. I've never heard of it!"

I says, "Get out yer dictionary an' look it up."

So she inquired of Noah Webster's dictionary, and it wasn't there. Well, don't that beat all? Here's Kathryn, with a degree in English, and she doesn't know that word. And there's Noah Webster, who made a whole book on words, and he didn't know it and didn't even put it in his book!

So I says to Kathryn, "That doesn't prove anything, just because you and Webster don't know it. All the Sons of Utah Pioneers will know what a hooney is—leave 'er in." So she did.

And now, on with the story: Ol' gray was throwin' his head and doin' a sidwinder jig, and he got his feet tangled up and fell over sideways with Lee still straddle of 'im.

I was about 20 feet away, and when I saw the horse goin' down, my thought was, "Lee, get yer feet outta the stirrups!" But it all happened so fast I didn't even get my mouth open.

In a flash the horse was down, and Lee was still straddle of im, with one leg pinned under the horse.

I knew from previous experience that when a horse goes down like that, its first instinct is to get back on its feet immediately. When it does, there are two possibilities. One is that the rider will have his foot caught in a stirrup. If



that happens, that's bad; the rider gets dragged. The other possibility is that the horse will trample the rider as it tries to get back on all fours.

As ol' gray came up, I ran over and got hold of his bridle reins, so as to keep him from trampling Lee. At the same time Lee scooted backwards and got to his feet. He was bruised and hurtin' in several places, and his knee got twisted in the fracas and some ligaments were torn, but he ignored all that. He got back on ol' gray—that's what a tough cowboy does! That's why I said that Lee Jeffs is one of the tough ones; one of the tough breed of genuine cowboys produced in Castle Valley.

But anyway, Lee is tough. You see, most of 'em nowadays—if they got banged up like Lee did, would have loaded the horse and headed for home. But Lee stayed and toughed it out—and all the while his twisted knee was throbin' with pain.

Well, after Lee got back on his horse, we went on down the dugway and past Jorgensens' cattle corral and found a choice place to make camp. They all knew what the rules were: all you can

bring on the trek is a tin can and a spoon.

First each group built a fire; then they took their tin cans over to the chuckwagon and got them filled with cold stew. They returned to their fire, and each one had to warm up his own can of stew. Along with the stew they were served homemade bread and butter.

Well, I wasn't sure how our city guests would go for such a dinner meeting. You see, they are accustomed to having their dinner meetings catered at places like the Marriott Hotel, or the Red Flame; they are accustomed to such cuisine as shrimp-to-my-Lou; Oh Steak Can You See; or Shawn's jammin' salmon. So when we served up tin can stew at the "cattle corral" and they had to cook their own—well, I wasn't sure. But with the wagon ride, and building their own fire, and cooking their own stew, they got into the spirit of the goings-on, and they had a wonderful time.

After dinner we had a few speeches, and we joined in the singing of songs, "We Welcome You Our New Member" and "A Monkey on His Back," led by Marjorie Christiansen. Then there was the presentation of the charter. Mem-

bers not in attendance, whose names are on the charter, are Earl Farley, George Stucki, Earl Jeffs, Eugene Johansen, John Jorgensen, Mervin Miles, Ben Killpack and Tom Reid.

All the National Officers allowed as ta how they had a "right fetchin' good time"! □

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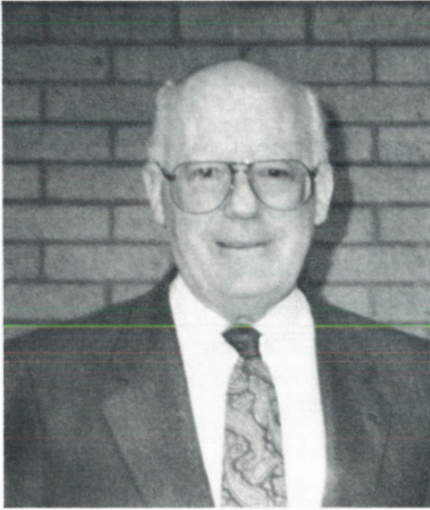
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GENERAL AUTHORITY VISITS HOLLADAY CHAPTER

by Leo Mower



Elder Robert L. Backman, a member of the presidency of the First Quorum of the Seventy, recently attended the dinner meeting of the Holladay Chapter. He was accompanied by his wife Virginia. They are both natives of Salt Lake City. Elder Backman graduated from the University of Utah Law School in 1949. His list of accomplishments in church, civic, and professional areas is much too long to be listed herein.

Also in attendance were Kenneth Smith and his wife Nita of the Holladay 8th Ward. Ken is a very well known singer and is known for his great deep bass voice. He sang a group of four of the well known songs of our time to

include "Fiddler on the Roof" and "Old Man River." He is a very talented individual.

Elder Backman then spoke on his favorite subject. We all know that this is missionary work. He spoke briefly on missionary work by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in the past and then moved on into the present and then into the anticipated future.

He briefly discussed those past accomplishments that most of us are well aware of. From the few early missionaries in the first years of the Church a large missionary force has been built up that, at the present time, covers a large part of the world. This force is presently accomplishing things that were not even thought possible not too far in the past. Soon, he stated, we will be accepted in countries that have been an impossibility in the past. Great things are soon to take place in Russia, Eastern Europe, and in places such as China and other Asian countries. His talk was definitely interesting and very informative. □

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OLYMPUS HILLS OUTING

by Leon Jensen, President

On October, 12, 1990, members of the Olympus Hills Chapter spent a delightful day at the lovely summer home of Carol and Clifton Spendlove. Their cabin is located on the Upper Weber River.

Our host and hostess had set picnic tables outside where we viewed the colorful leaves and enjoyed our dinner among the quaking aspen. Our dinner was potluck with hamburgers on the grill.

We then moved into the cabin where Clif and Carol showed us a movie of their recent trip to Alaska and Clif entertained us with poems from the famous Canadian poet Robert Service. He read "The Creation of Sam McGee" and "The Shooting of Dan McGrew"

Friendships were built and a special day was enjoyed by all. □



THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S SOLILOQUY

D. P. Bartchi

I AM JUST AS GOOD AS I EVER WAS - AND TWICE AS GOOD AS I WILL EVER BE:

I AM UP TODAY TO A DOZEN CHORES - ALAS, BY NIGHT I'VE ACCOMPLISHED THREE.

I DO MY WORK - CLEAR UP MY TASKS - AS STRONG OR EVEN STRONGER: MY WORK IS GOOD OR EVEN BETTER, SO WHAT, IF IT TAKES ME LONGER? I NOTICE YOUNG FOLKS FLIGHT AND FLURRY - BIG SHOW IN WHAT THEY DO: THEY DO GOOD WORK - THEY'RE SO INTENT, BUT DO THEY STOP TO TALK TO YOU? I LIKE THE EASE IN WHICH I WORK - I CONTEMPLATE EACH ASSIGNMENT: CAUTION HERE! LET SOME MIS-STEP TO CAUSE A LONG CONFINEMENT. WHAT'S MORE, I'M UP ON ALL YOU NEIGHBORS - THE LIVES OF ALL YOU LOCALS: I VISIT WITH THE WALKING - JOGGING NUTS - YOU'RE SHARP IN MY BIFOCALS. THESE COMINGS AND THE GOINGS - ALL OF INTEREST - MY WORK I MUST POSTPONE: I WATCH YOU TOILING IN YOUR YARD - I'LL JUST CALL YOU ON THE PHONE. OR THEN, PERHAPS, WITH A TINKLING GLASS I'LL SEEK THE COOLING SHADE: WHERE I'LL RELAX, IGNORE THE FACTS, NOT ALL IS WELL, AND TURN DOWN MY HEARING AID. □

A MAN APPRECIATED

by Pete Nelson

It seems that each Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers has a staunch member who is the 'backbone' of the Chapter. Well, the Olympus Hills Chapter has such a person who has been a member since the beginning of the chapter, holding office of Vic-Pres., Pres-Elect, Pres., and is now serving as a Past President.



He is Wendell Packer and we would like to tell you about him.

He was born in Brigham City, Utah, the next to the youngest child of a family of nine children. His father was co-partner of an auto repair shop with his brother, Ira, the father of Boyd K. Packer. This auto repair shop later became Packer Motor Co.

Wendell's father moved his family to Salt Lake City when Wendell was 2 years old. When Wendell was 4, his father passed away leaving his mother with the nine children to raise.

As Wendell grew up he was active in the Boy Scouts of America and received his schooling at Columbus Grade School, Irving Junior High, and South High School. After graduation he worked as an auto mechanic and then at Remington Arms.

On March 29, 1942, he married Arline Beck, just one year before he entered the Services. Basic training was at Camp Roberts, California, and then to Ft. Francis E. Warren, in Wyoming where he was an instructor. Later, he served overseas on Guam in the Mariana Islands. Discharge came in 1945.

Upon his return home he worked with the Chrysler Corporation and then with Hafer's Incorporated where he is

now the Vice President and a major stockholder.

His civic contributions have been many. He has been on the Advisory Council at the Utah Technical College and the School of Business of Industry. He has been on the Distributor Advisory Council of Rockwell International at Troy, Michigan.

He has always been active in the LDS Church. He and his wife, Arline, were sealed in the Salt Lake Temple. He has been in a Bishopric, served as a High Priest Group Leader, and on a Stake Sunday School Board.

He and Arline have 5 sons, 6 grandsons and 9 granddaughters. All of their children live in the Salt Lake City vicinity except one family who lives in St. George.

Wendell enjoys gardening as a hobby which is shown in the beauty of his backyard. But, his greatest joy is his family and they get together as often as they can and they all especially like getting together at the family cabin in the Timber Lakes area.

The Olympus Hills Chapter is very fortunate to have a man who is so dedicated and willing to serve. He insists on taking assignments and always follows through with perfection. Wendell is truly a man that goes the "extra mile". □

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Most of what I really need to know about how to live, and what to do, and how to be I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate-school mountain, but there in the sandbox. These are the things I learned:

Share everything. Play fair. Don't hit people. Put things back where you found them. Clean up your own mess. Don't take things that aren't yours. Say your sorry when you hurt somebody. Wash your hands before you eat. Live a balanced life. Learn some and think some, and draw and sing and dance and play and work every day some. Take a nap in the afternoon. When you go out into the world, watch for traffic, hold hands and stick together. Be aware of wonder.

Remember the little seed in the plastic cup. The roots go down and the plant goes up, and nobody really knows why, but we are all like that. Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the plastic cup — they all die. So do we.

And then remember the book about Dick and Jane and the first word you learned the biggest word of all: LOOK Everything you need to know is in there somewhere. The golden rule and love and basic sanitation. Ecology and politics and sane living.

Think of what a better world it would be if we all had cookies and milk about three o'clock every afternoon and then lay down with our blankets for a nap. Or if we had a basic policy in our nation and other nations always to put things back where we found them and cleaned up our own messes. And it is still true, no matter how old you are, when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together. □

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FOUR SONS OF UTAH PIONEER IN CANADA HALL OF FAME



Bascom Boys 1939 - John W. Bascom, Father; Raymond, Earl, Mel, Weldon

Four sons of Utah pioneer, John Bascom, have now been inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame in Alberta, Canada. The four sons, Raymond, Melvin, Earl and Weldon, who were all born in Vernal, Utah, were honored in the Hall of Fame for their life-long rodeo achievements.

Their father, John Bascom was born in Mona, Utah in April, 1869 and was later Deputy Sheriff of Uintah County. His father, Joel Almon Bascom, crossed the plains from Nauvoo to Utah in 1856 and was Chief of Police in Provo in the 1860's. In 1914 the Bascom family moved to Raymond, Alberta, Canada where John Bascom was foreman on a ranch owned by Utah pioneer and industrialist, Jesse Knight.

At the Raymond Stampede the four Bascom boys entered their first professional rodeo in 1918. The oldest of the Bascom boys, Raymond, was a rodeo pickup man at the Calgary Stampede in the 1930's and 40's. Earl broke a world record time in steer decoration during his career. He is known in rodeo history as the designer and maker of rodeo's first hornless bronc saddle in 1922 and also rodeo's first one-hand bareback rigging in 1924. Weldon was one of the top bull riders in the world back in the 1930's. He performed at the London

Rodeo in 1934. Both Weldon and Earl are known as the "Fathers of Mississippi Rodeo" having produced the first rodeo in that state in 1935. Mel was an all-around rodeo champion. In 1929, he started the rodeo event known as "Cowboy Jousting" where two cowboys on horseback charged each other from opposite ends of the arena. The first cowboy to rope, take a dally and jerk off the other rider was declared the winner. Mel and another daring cowboy, Rube Snow, were the first to try this exciting event. And they were also the last, as the rope burns around their necks discouraged any other takers.

Raymond passed away in 1944. Mel passed away in 1987. Weldon lives in Parowan, Utah. Earl lives in Victorville, California and is a life member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers and the U.S. Mormon Battalion, Inc. □



PAUL AND ELLA SEEGER

by Elon Hanson

Religious conversion changes people's lives and sometimes their residence as well. Such was the case in the life of Paul Seeger. He was introduced to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the early 1900's. To Orson Hyde, a member of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles, must go the credit of being the first to do missionary work in Germany. The first mission in Germany was formed on April 3, 1852. Daniel P. Garn, as President.

The German mission in 1897 consisted of five conferences or areas with each constituting a number of branches. Berlin, Dresden, Frankfurt Hamburg, and Stuttgart with a membership of 1028. In 1904 these missions had a membership of 1634 and from 1904 to 1925 the growth of the Church was steady.

In addition to those who emigrated to America, there were 5300 members in the Swiss-German Mission. Leo Walmar Goates, a missionary in Germany, played a part in the conversion of Paul Seeger to the Church. He was baptized in the River Spree in 1897 at the age of 13. About the same time as Paul Seeger was converted to the gospel, Ella's (Paul's wife to be) older brother was baptized. Perhaps it was thru her brother's contact with the gospel that Ella Schultz had her 1st contact with the Church.

In the year 1905, 287 out of 373 members of the Swiss German Mission emigrated to the U.S. Paul Seeger had many reasons for emigrating to the U.S. Church, economic conditions, better life and opportunities.

Paul Seeger's close friend, Karl Rohback, was instrumental in Paul's emigration. Bro. Rohback was baptized on the 11th of January 1908 in the same branch as Paul. In time, Mr. Rohback became Paul's sponsor to emigrate a little over six months later. He suggested he go to work in San Francisco. After the earth quake in April 18, 1906, as Paul was an apprentice brick mason. It so happened that Ella's brother and Paul sailed to America on the same ship. They became friends. He settled in Ogden, Utah and started a cleaning business. He wrote to his mother and sister and told them all about America. It is said that Anna, Ella's mother, would not let her go alone. Anne was almost 60 years old and Ella was 16 at the time of

their emigration about 1909, after being told of the good life in America, they came to work in the cleaning business in Odgen.

There were six young girls working at the laundry and Ella was one. Uncle Henry, as he was called, gave Paul's picture to the girls in the laundry. They all wrote to Paul and sent their pictures. Paul answered some including Ella's.

Ella and Paul's story was really a true love story. Johanna, Uncle Henry's oldest daughter, had a picture of Paul on her dresser. Ella saw this picture and the way she told it was that she fell in love with the picture. Johanna said that he was a person who her father knew and that she loved him. Ella said to herself, "This is the man!" when Paul came to Odgen and she met him. It must have been love at first sight for this is the way Ella and Paul's life began. A really true love story and marriage in 1912 in the Salt Lake Temple. A year later Ella Margret Seager, now the wife of Elon S. Hanson, was born. Paul Seager built many of the ward and Stake houses in this valley. He was a good brick mason and contractor. They had four children and a great and happy life here in the Salt Lake area. Ella and Paul's names have been memorilized at the National S.U.P. headquarters.

"He only deserves to be remembered by posterity, who treasures up and preserves the history of his ancestry". □

PROSETRY

D.P. Bartchi

Consider, Dear Reader, profound and long,

The capered cadence of the poet's song.
He writes of birds of bees and such;
He frosts the cake with the artist's brush.

Be may run the gamut of roseate verbage
to amplify his phanton form to
convey to you, Dear Reader,
His apparition. Unsure of
the point to be made.
In true Contemporary vogue this
vagrant wastrel
may fill this page
with nimble-fingered esoterica.
He may juxtaposition in
oratorical obscurity
until you fall asleep.

Then in Traditional style; the hoary
Patriarch

Lays out his lines; as if emerging from
the Ark,

In forthright fashion; direct and to the
point.

He carefully drives it home then seals
each joint.

He is verbage wise; not one syllable to
waste;

He building blocks go up - devoid of
haste.

The arrogant zealot; fervently ignored
by all;

Literarily deceased yet refusing to fall.
A century behind - or ahead of hs times
For his persistence in writing verse that
rhymes.

FRANCES' CHRISTMAS DINNER

by Florence Youngberg

On Christmas morning of i854 Frances Hansen stepped out from a log and wiiiow cabin to look for George, her husband. He mint return with some game, a duck or a rabbit for their Christmas dinner. She surveyed a world of beauty. The sparkling Cottonwood Creek wended through the willows near a steep bluff and a short distance away emptied Into the Jordan River. The creek was beautiful. She loved the clear fresh water flowing by her door. From it they irrigated their scanty crops. Like the other members of the 1856 Handcart Company of pioneers to Utah, Frances knew what it was to be hungry. She hoped their crops might be more bounteous next year. She looked over the creek. They had already made arrangements to secure thirty-two acres of land. It was covered with sagbrush but by breaking it up and irrigating it, they could at least raise enough to keep them from starving. Someone had abandoned a dugout in the large mound by the creek. George could make it larger, line it with lumber, and put down a floor. With a door and window on the south and perhaps a lumber roof above the ground, they would be more comfortable. She rejoiced in the very thought of owning their own home. Momentarily she forgot that the only food in the house on this Christmas morning was a little shorts for mush.

She reveled in the view about her. A heavy snow hid all the sagebrush. The delightful aue-inspiring Wasatch Mountains towered high in the east. The tips of the Twin Peaks were hidden in white clouds. She turned her view from the mountains and the creek to the river to look for George. The peaceful swish of the murky stream as it quietly flowed around the bluffs out of sight made Frances feel serene.

She looked over to an Indian camp. On a flat under a bluff were ten or twelve wickiups. The aroma of boiled meat and smoke came to her. When some Indians came begging at a neighbors, a few weeks before, the boy had given them a cup of molasses. He followed them back to their camp to get the cup. The Indians were cooking muskrat. Perhaps that was all they were boiling now. At any rate, they had more than she for their Christmas dinner. Over the hill along

IRWIN AND ADA STARK CURTIS celebrate golden wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Curtis of Springville were honored at an open house given by their children on Friday, December 7, 1990 at the Mapleton White Church, 31 W. Maple St., celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

Ada Stark Curtis was born in Freedom. Irwin was born in Orangeville. They have lived their married life in the Mapleton-Springville area.

They belong to the Senior Citizens group in Springville and to the Palmyra Chapter of the Sons of the Pioneers which they helped or ganize. Irwin is now President of that chapter. They have worked in the Provo Temple for the last eight years.

Irwin retired from Geneva Steel in 1983, after 39 years of service and belongs to the Retired Steel Workers Association.

They have five children, Faye Quarnberg and Donna McKell, both Mapleton; Irwin (Butch) Curtis and Douglas J. Curtis, both Hayden, Colo., and Eva Peterson, West Valley.

They have 26 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

the river beyond the double ditch on the Church Farm Frances knew many more Indians were camped, but she was not afraid. Many times when they had come begging she had sent them away without fear.

George was not in sight. She stepped inside. The burning willows in the rude fireplace at the east end of the shack made the room fairly comfortable. She picked up her nine month old baby, George from the crib and cuddled him close. Clara Jane was three years old and clung to her. She hoped that George would find something with his gun for the sake of these precious ones.

As she sat by the west window looking past the hole where the oxen drank and over the few shocks of corn fodder, she glanced down at her nursing baby. The birth of this one had been as humble as that of the Christ child. Baby George was born the previous March on a blustery stormy morning. The snow drifted on the bed through the open cabin. There had not been time to fix it comfortably before the baby came. George had brought Mrs. Chapel on horseback through the storm to her rescue. As she thought of these things she wished that George would come.

She had met George on Christmas of 1850 at her home, Peddemoor Hall, in Warwick, England. Christmas at Peddemoor had been a merry time. Her father, William Booth, was very sociable. He like to sing and play the violin. The young folk of the neighborhood were often invited to the home. They enjoyed dancing while her father

played. At Christmas time especially, the table groaned with plenty. As Frances looked back Peddemoor seemed a lovely place.

This ancient home had been owned by her family for more than two-hundred years. A moat surrounded the Hall. A single bridge led to the house. It was a mile from one side of the farm to the other. She loved the lanes, the trees, the hazel coppice and the rich cornfields. Never-the-less she was glad that she was here in Utah with her children and George. She felt sure that his gun would provide something for them for Christmas.

George's gun had served them well. Before and during the Crimean War he had been in the gun trade, and guns were in demand by the English Government. His gun had been necessary in the weary march of one thousand miles from Iowa to Utah. When they reached camp in the evening, George went out in search of game. After walking twenty or thirty miles and pulling a handcart all day, he did not feel much like hunting; but he did the best he could. Many would have starved had it not been for his gun.

Frances knew that George did the best he could. He had led her gently. He had bundled her and Clara Jane in the handcart and pulled and pushed them over the rough road. When the days provision had been a small tin cup of flour to each person, he had insisted on her making as much bread as possible. When the mountains seemed as far away as on the previous day he had comforted her. Each morning she had thought that they would camp in the canyon at night. He had soothed her during the lightning storms and had assured her fears when the wolves had howled as they followed after them from one camping place to another. He had carried her over the rivers. He first took the cart then waded back for Frances and Clara Jane.

As she sat waiting and thinking of these things, she saw George coming. She trembled with expectation. George entered. Put his gun down with a thud. She knew he had nothing. He quietly stepped over to her.

"Look" she said, as she pointed to the corn shock.

A white rabbit nibbled at the fodder. George was not long in bringing it into them. He watched close. Another rabbit came looking for its mate. It was also secured.

A good friend and neighbor Isabella Sharp sent them a loaf of bread. At their Christmas dinner they acknowledged the hand of the Lord for providing in their necessity. □

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H. Bartley Heiner

Seed must ripen
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UNION AVENUE

By Richard Grant Thayne

The pioneers looked over and began building Salt Lake City in 1847. After a few years it became a thoroughfare for East and West travelers as well as North and South. Johnson's Army traveling through, the Gold Rush in California, Lincoln had been assassinated, misunderstandings and mumbblings about polygamy. People became bitter and mean, killing, stealing for food, cattle, money and to get control of the warmer, more pleasant areas of the territory in the Southern end.

Mobbry, violence and killing, looting of homes and farms made living in Salt Lake almost impossible.

Indians joined with the whites in the fighting, making things more impossible.

The people started to move southward and towards the mountains, built Fort Union, near where Whitmore Library is today.

East of old highway ninety-one, straight up 7500 South, Greenwood Avenue intercepts Union Avenue running North and South. On the crest of this hill was a school, the Union Ward

House and Burgons Market which later got one gas pump.

Some people still believe in preservation of Historical landmarks. Look how wonderful this Burgon home looks today. We must not destroy beautiful things in hope of uncertain progress.

From this area were the descendants of the Greenwoods, Burgons, Parrys, Sharps, Jensens, Thorntons, Despains, Stewarts, Glovers, Richards and Silas Andrus who operated a half-way stop on 104 South on the old high-

way.

Famous people from this area were, a Brigham Young university coach, a famous neuro- surgeon, an astronaut, two famous world known writers, and the distant-kin of the star of the movie, "I Will Fight No More." a great Indian Epic.

My mother Mirla Greenwood Thayne, wrote the song and the book, "I WONDER WHEN HE COMES AGAIN." and many other songs, two other books, and many articles. □



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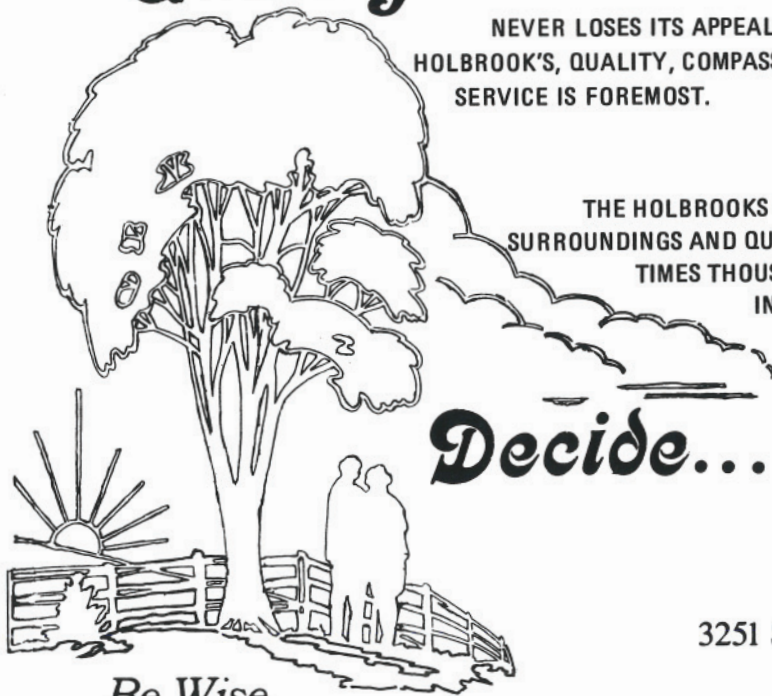
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JOHN CHARLES BEYNON

JOHN CHARLES BEYNON, 72, died December 14, 1990 of injuries from a fall at his home. He was born November 24, 1918 in Salt Lake City to Charles Henry and Effie May Peck Beynon. Married June Kunz in Salt Lake City, later solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple. He was a Veteran of World War II and served as Bishop and many other church positions in the Pioneer and Olympus Stakes. He was Superintendent of May Foundry and Machine Shop for 28 years. Member of S.U.P. and President of Twin Peaks Chapter. He is survived by his wife, five sons and four daughters, 41 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren.

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WILLIAM PAUL BUYS

WILLIAM PAUL BUYS, 75, a Life Member of the S.U.P., died December 12, 1990 at his home in West Bountiful. He was born March 15, 1915 in Heber City, Utah to William Paul and Velma Crook Buys. Married Jewel Hall on November 16, 1939 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. He was an active member of the South Davis Chapter and the LDS Church. He served a mission to California from 1936 to 1938, was Bishop of the West Bountiful Ward and Patriarch in the West Bountiful Stake for the past ten years. Paul left a numerous posterity of sons, daughters, forty-one grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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VIRGIL ARTHUR MARCUM

VIRGIL ARTHUR MARCUM, 68, died November 9, 1990 in a Salt Lake City Hospital. Born in Gate, Oklahoma on December 20, 1921. Married Elizabeth (Libby) S. Lundstrom Marcum on February 17, 1951, marriage later solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple. Received his education in Hutchinson, Kansas. Attended two years at a Jr. College. Served in the U.S. Air Force as a Radar Man. Active in the LDS Church holding many positions. Worked for R.C.A. T.V. for many years and for Marie Cavanaugh's Candies for five years. He was the custodian for the National S.U.P. Building for 4 years. A Life Member in the Canyon Rim Chapter of the S.U.P. He is survived by his wife, 2 sons, 1 daughter and 3 grandchildren. Those who knew Virgil have missed his cheerful smile since he retired as custodian of the National Building the first of this year - 1990. Virgil was always there to make sure the building was spotless, the table and chairs ready for the Chapter Meetings and National Meetings. The outside was kept up, lawns cut and watered.

BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAM FRANK WEILER

BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAM FRANK WEILER (U.S. Army Retired), 94, a Life Member of the South Davis Chapter SUP, died in Bountiful on October 18, 1990. He was born February 18, 1896 in Evanston, Wyoming, to Elijah Malin and Agnes Bolto Weiler. He married Octavo May Holmgren August 27, 1924 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. She died May 27, 1970. Married Lucille Christensen Parkin in Salt Lake City on September 30, 1971. General Weiler spent 35 years associated with the military, beginning as a Private in World War I and concluding as a Brigadier General in 1956. His military career was interrupted for 3 years when he served an LDS mission to the Eastern States. Following his mission he returned to the military and served with distinction during World War II, finally retiring from the military in 1956. He was an officer and a director of Zions Saving & Loan Assoc., retiring in 1968. He served many positions in the LDS Church and as a Temple Ordinance worker for 15 years. He was a member of the South Davis SUP Chapter. He is survived by his wife, three sons and one daughter, 23 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, two stepsons and three stepdaughters.

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ESTEL FRANCOIS CAMPBELL

ESTEL FRANCOIS CAMPBELL, 68, died October 17, 1990 in Murray, Utah. He was born December 6, 1922 in Ammon, Idaho to Charles Ervin and Madeleine Vefond Campbell, one of nine children. He grew up in Richfield, Utah and worked in defense plants until he was drafted into the Army in World War II. Through his volunteer action he received many citations among them the Bronze Star for valor, three presidential citations for acts of bravery, Unit Citation and the Purple Heart with two clusters. He married Winifred Dyches on June 6, 1947 in the Manti Temple. He had two sons, one daughter and six grandchildren. He graduated

from the University of Utah with BS and MS Degrees in Educational Psychology. He spent many years in the teaching profession. He was a Life Member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers and was the current president of the Murray Chapter. He held many church positions.

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OLIVER R. SMITH

OLIVER R. SMITH 77, died December 13, 1990 in Provo, Utah. He was born March 8, 1913 in Davenport, Iowa to Hyrum and June Bushman Smith. He married Barbara McKay on April 6, 1942 in the Salt Lake Temple. He attended University of Utah, B.Y.U. and received his Ph.D. from University of Iowa. He served a mission to the Eastern States where he co-authored the first pageant at Hill Cumorah in 1936 and was managing director of the "America's Witness for Christ" in 1937. He held many church positions. He was a news staff member for the Deseret News, Salt Lake Tribune, Provo Herald and KLRA (Little Rock, Arkansas) and was professor and department chairman of journalism and communications at B.Y.U., where he retired in 1978. He served four years in the U.S. Army during World War II and retired as a Colonel after 27 years service in the Air Force Reserve. He was National President of S.U.P., Stake President, National Vice-president and Historical General of the Sons of the American Revolution and a staff officer in the Mormon Battalion Association. He was a Charter member of the Provo Golden K Kiwanis Club and a recipient of the George Washington Honor of Medal from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. He is survived by his wife, 5 daughters, 3 sons, 50 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

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